

What is Claimed:

1. A carrier configured to hold a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between opened and closed positions, said carrier comprising:

a body adapted to receive the container; and

an extension coupled for reciprocal movement with respect to said body, said extension being adapted for engagement with the door of the container, and said reciprocal movement of said extension being adapted to reciprocate the door of the container between the opened and closed positions.

2. The carrier recited in claim 1, wherein the door of the container is mounted to slide between the opened and closed positions, said extension being coupled for reciprocal movement along a substantially straight path.

3. The carrier recited in claim 1, said extension being biased toward an extended or retracted position.

4. The carrier recited in claim 3, further comprising a spring coupled to bias said extension toward said extended or retracted position.

5. The carrier recited in claim 3, said extension being biased toward said extended position to bias the door of the container toward the closed position.

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1 6. The carrier recited in claim 3, further comprising a locking
2 member positionable to retain said extension in said extended or
3 retracted position.

1 7. The carrier recited in claim 1, further comprising a lever
2 coupled for movement with respect to said body and coupled to said
3 extension, said movement of said lever causing said reciprocal
4 movement of said extension.

1 8. The carrier recited in claim 7, said lever being positioned for
2 operation by a foot of a user of said carrier.

1 9. The carrier recited in claim 7, further comprising a barrier
2 positionable to prevent a user from operating said lever.

1 10. The carrier recited in claim 1, further comprising a member
2 coupled to said body and positionable to prevent removal of the
3 container from said body of said carrier.

1 11. The carrier recited in claim 10, said member comprising a
2 lock adapted to prevent movement of said member with respect to said
3 body.

1 12. A container system comprising:

2 a container having a door mounted for reciprocation between
3 opened and closed positions; and

4 a carrier configured to hold said container, said carrier comprising
5 a body adapted to receive said container and an extension coupled for
6 reciprocal movement with respect to said body, said extension being

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7 adapted for engagement with said door of said container, and said
8 reciprocal movement of said extension being adapted to reciprocate said
9 door of said container between said opened and closed positions.

1 13. The container system recited in claim 12, wherein said door
2 of said container is mounted to slide between said opened and closed
3 positions, said extension being coupled for reciprocal movement along a
4 substantially straight path.

1 14. The container system recited in claim 12, said extension of
2 said carrier being biased toward an extended or retracted position.

1 15. The container system recited in claim 14, further comprising
2 a spring coupled to bias said extension toward said extended or
3 retracted position.

1 16. The container system recited in claim 14, said extension
2 being biased toward said extended position to bias said door of said
3 container toward said closed position.

1 17. The container system recited in claim 14, further comprising
2 a locking member positionable to retain said extension in said extended
3 or retracted position.

1 18. The container system recited in claim 12, further comprising
2 a lever coupled for reciprocal movement with respect to said body and
3 coupled to said extension, said reciprocal movement of said lever
4 causing said reciprocal movement of said extension.

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1 19. The container system recited in claim 18, said lever being
2 positioned for operation by a foot of a user of said carrier.

1 20. The container system recited in claim 12, further comprising
2 a member coupled to said body and positionable to prevent removal of
3 said container from said body of said carrier.

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